

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA
WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION, HELD IN
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, ON FEBRUARY 3, 1964

The monthly meeting of this Commission of January 28, 1964, reconvened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in the office of the Governor, in the State Capitol, on February 3, 1964.

The meeting was called to order at 3 P.M. with Chairman A.J. Suquet presiding. The following members of the Commission were present:

A. J. Suquet, Chairman

John Paul Crain

H. S. Fairchild

James J. Frey

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Ray Whatley

Absent:

L. S. Fleming, Vice-Chairman

Mr. L.D. Young, Director, and Mr. Richard Yancey,

Assistant Director, were also present.

The meeting was honored by attendance of Governor Jimmie H. Davis, who expressed interest in the matter to be considered.

Also present were Messrs. John W. Barton and Rex Callicott.

The chairman announced that the meeting was reconvened from the meeting of January 28, 1964 for the particular purpose of considering the purchase of a large tract of land located in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes, which had been offered to the Commission by the owners, Messrs. Barton and Callicott.

Mr. Barton was then called upon to present the matter.

Messrs. Barton and Callicott, who are the owners of approximately 120,000 acres of contiguous land located in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes offered to sell to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission up to 60,000 acres of this land, as selected by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, for \$29.00 per acre.

There was much discussion during which the following points were emphasized:

- 1) That the land would be ideally suited for a Wildlife Game Management Area.
- 2) That it was located in an area where there was a great need for one.
- 3) That the price was very reasonable.
- 4) That large tracts such as are needed for expansion for wildlife activities are not easily acquired in large contiguous tracts, and this was a rare opportunity that would be affirmatively considered.

Governor Davis spoke favorably for the acquisition for wildlife purposes.

After thorough consideration, the following motion by Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, was unanimously passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchase from John Barton and/or Rex Callicott, or

other transferee, or transferees, all or part of 50,000 acres of land, but not less than 40,000 acres, now owned by said parties, located in LaSalle Parish, beginning at Saline Bayou, where it leaves Catahoula Lake, and then running section by section East, covering all of that portion they own up to the Parish line, which divides LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes, and such other portion of said property located in Catahoula Parish as may be deemed necessary, at a price of \$29.00 per acre, subject, however, to funds being made available for this purchase and subject further to a bonded title being procured.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that attorneys for the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission meet with attorneys representing Mr. Rex Gallicott to consider all legal procedures necessary to complete the said transaction and to report their findings to the Commission at its next regular meeting or any subsequent special meeting.

Unanimously adopted, all members being present with the exception of L. Richard Fleming.

The following motion was then made by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, and unanimously passed:

That the funds to be used for the purchase should come from the Marsh Island Fund, if possible.

The Chairman then thanked those present for their careful and wise decision, stating that he thought this was a real highlight in the Commission activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5 P.M., to reconvene again in New Orleans on Tuesday, February 4, 1964, to consider the 1964 budget.

L. D. Young Jr., Director & Secretary